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U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Denies Complaint by Sheriff's Captain



Milwaukee, WI – The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) dismissed a claim by Milwaukee County Sheriff's Captain Darlene Goodlette alleging that Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. violated the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, when Goodlette was laid off due to County Executive Chris Abele's 2012 budget cut, which eliminated her position.

Based upon its investigation, the EEOC could not establish any violations of the statutes on the part of the Sheriff.

"Like the complaint of the same nature by Captain Rewolinski that was also dismissed, these baseless accusations take up countless hours that could be spent in more productive ways and on issues more relative to the safety of the public. This was nothing more than an attempt by Captain Goodlette to intimidate and harass me, and keep me from doing the people's work. When I promoted her to captain in January 2006, she didn't find that to be discriminatory," Clarke said.

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